

News

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Media Advisory

GUIDED HIKE TO BAD BRANCH STATE NATURE PRESERVE

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 9, 2004) -- The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) will conduct a guided hike for the public to Bad Branch Falls State Nature Preserve in Letcher County on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, from 9 a.m. until approximately 5 p.m. EDT.

Hike to Bad Branch Falls and a preserve overlook known as "High Rock" for a spectacular view of the Cumberland Plateau where beautiful fall leaf color can be enjoyed in eastern Kentucky. The trip leader will be KSNPC Invertebrate Biologist, Ellis Lauder milk.

This approximately 7.5-mile round trip hike is strenuous, and should only be attempted by people accustomed to rugged hiking. Long pants are recommended and sturdy hiking boots are essential. Please bring a backpack with a lunch and plenty of water because hikers will be out on the trail all day.

Participants must be pre-registered and will meet in the Bad Branch parking area. For reservations contact Ellis Lauder milk at ellis.laudermilk@ky.gov or call 502-573-2886, ext. 113. The hike is limited to 20 people, and will likely fill up quickly so reserve your spot now.

KSNPC's mission is to protect Kentucky's natural heritage by: (1) identifying, acquiring and managing natural areas that represent the best-known occurrences of rare, native species, natural communities and significant natural features in a statewide nature preserve system; (2) working with others to protect biological diversity; and (3) educating Kentuckians as to the value and purpose of nature preserves and biodiversity conservation.

More information about the commission can be obtained by mail (KSNPC, 801 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601-1403), by telephone (502-573-2886) or on the Internet (www.naturepreserves.ky.gov).